Volume 2
Chapter 15

WHY WOULD YOU DO SOME-- THING LIKE THAT ...?
...WHAT, WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT FOR!?
HUH?
TO TEST HOW MUCH YOU AND PANTHER TRUST EACH OTHER
GRO OOW WWL
SORRY I MADE YOU DO THAT, GOLEMS
IT'S WHAT THE LITTLE ACT WAS FOR

DID HE JUST CALL IT A LITTLE ACT...?
I KNEW IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS THOUGH
.....
CAN SOME-ONE PLEASE TELL ME WHAT IS GOING ON?
GOLEMS SEE YOU LATER...
LET'S GO, PANTHER
HERE'S WHAT NILAM SAID-
COOL OFF YOUR HEAD A BIT
AS HE LEFT ME SITTING THERE

I TRIED USING MY ONE CAST OF HEAL ON MYSELF, BUT IT DIDN'T DO MUCH EXCEPT MAYBE FOR THE PLACEBO EFFECT
I HAD TO REST FOR A WHILE BEFORE I COULD MAKE IT BACK TO MY FEET
THIS SHOULD DO IT
THEN, I SCHLEPPED MYSELF TO NILAM'S PLACE WHERE MISS BUNNY TOOK CARE OF MY WOUNDS FOR ME
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SORRY ABOUT THAT I DID ASK GOLEMS TO HOLD BACK
YOU WERE JUST USING PANTHER FOR SELFISH REASONS
BUT IT SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE MESSAGE ACROSS

!!?
AND YOU HAVE FAILED TO BUILD A RELATION-SHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST WITH PANTHER
BUT PANTHER IS A SMART KID, SO HE IMMEDIATELY FIGURED OUT THAT YOU JUST WANTED TO USE HIM TO SHOW YOUR-SELF IN A GOOD LIGHT...
...
HE DID SOMETHING UNEXPECTED ON PURPOSE TO MAKE YOU NOTICE HOW HE FEELS
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY HE WENT HOME WITHOUT TELLING YOU ANYTHING THE OTHER DAY
PANTHER IS TOO PROUD A KID TO GO WITH THAT— NO MAYBE HE WAS JUST DISAPPOINTED IN YOU...

INSTEAD OF CHEWING HIM OUT FOR IT OR LYING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED...
YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED IT THEN AND THERE, BAKI
SO WHAT IF HE WENT OUT FOR WALKS WITH YOU? HE CERTAINLY DIDN'T CARE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO SAVE YOU
AFTER THAT, HE ONLY PUT UP WITH YOU BECAUSE HE DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU HAVE FAILED AS A MONSTER MASTER
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BUT IF I HAD TOLD YOU THEN THAT PANTHER JUST UP AND LEFT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, YOU WOULD HAVE FIRED ME...
I DO FEEL BAD ABOUT LYING TO YOU AND HITTING PANTHER!!
H-HOLD ON A SECOND HERE...
SO YOU LIED AND PLACED THE BLAME ON PANTHER INSTEAD?
SFX: CREAK
UHH
NILAM, COME ON...

SFX: WH SH
SFX: GRAB
SFX: WHACK
NILAM !!
URGH

IS IT SO HARD TO PUT YOURSELF IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES!?
OW
SFX SQUEEZE
Uoo Go
AT THIS RATE, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO GET THEM TO TRUST YOU
BUT WHAT DO YOU DO? YOU TREAT THEM LIKE YOU WOULD A PET YOU'RE KEEPING AND LOOK DOWN ON THEM CONSTANTLY
DID I NOT EXPLICITLY TELL YOU TO TREAT THE MONSTERS WITH LOVE WHEN YOU STARTED OUT...?

DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION NOW? GOOD BECAUSE MONSTERS HAVE HEARTS TOO! THEY GET MAD AND THEY GET SAD TOO! THEY'RE JUST LIKE US!!
SFX: SHIVE
GRANTED, THEY MIGHT NOT LOOK LIKE US, BUT THEY'RE OUR FRIENDS!!
SFX: SLAM
WHO TREATS THEIR FRIENDS LIKE PETS?

IT LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG
YOU SEEMED TO SHOW SOME PROMISE, BUT...
YOU ARE...
FIRED

THE HELL
I KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT TO LISTEN, BUT YOU JUST KEEP RUNNING YOURS OFF
I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO BECOME A MONSTER MASTER IN THE FIRST PLACE!!

THEY CAN'T EVEN SPEAK FOR GOD'S SAKE!!
THEY DON'T UNDER-STAND A THING I SAY!!
HOW IN THE WORLD AM I SUPPOSED TO UNDER-STAND WHAT A MONSTER FEELS!?
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD UNDER-STAND!!
AND YOU EXPECT ME TO UNDER-STAND!?
SFX POINT
BUT I DO KNOW WHAT THEY'RE ALL THINKING RIGHT NOW
HERE BUT
HUFF
HUFF
"GOOD FUCKING RIDDANCE" IS WHAT THEY'RE THINKING!!
"FINALLY, THIS DUMB HUMAN LEAVES US ALONE"

...
AM I RIGHT...? OR AM I RIGHT?
NO...
!!?
THESE KIDS
THEY ALL JUST WANT TO BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU, BAKI—

IN FACT, THEY'VE BEEN WANTING TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU...
EVER SINCE YOU WALKED IN HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME
SFX: TURN
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING, GRAMPS
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE LIKE I SAID I WOULD
...YEAH, RIGHT. AS IF...
.....

BAKI!
HERE'S YOUR PAY SO FAR
SFX CATCH
TAKE IT WITH YOU

INN
SFX POMF
MONSTERS, CATS, DOGS, WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ANYWAY
WHAT DOES HE EVEN MEAN WITH TREAT THEM WITH LOVE
AFTER MY DISMISSAL, I SPENT THE NIGHT IN THE INN IN TOWN
...MAYBE I SHOULD HEAD BACK TO SANTA ROSA FOR REAL THIS TIME...
MONSTER MASTER SO MUCH FOR THAT, I GUESS
BESIDES, I ONLY ACCEPTED HIS OFFER BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY OR A PLACE TO STAY AT...

MAYBE YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MONSTER MASTER...?
SFX: WHAP
...I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO BUBO AND BOBO TOO...
OLD MAN... I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T THINK I HAVE ANY TALENT FOR IT...
SFX: GRAB
.....
I CAN'T BELIEVE I USED TO THINK OF THEM AS PETS...
...WHAT DID THEY THINK OF ME, I WONDER...?

Appendix:

Chorocters in chopter 15:

Boki

Nilom

Bunny girl

Slambo

Panther

Golems

Dara

Buga

Bogo

Monsters in chopter 15:

Leoanar (Hellion)

Locotions in chopter 15:

- Oracleberry (Fortuna)